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Organic Farms in West Virginia

Charleston, West Virginia – In 2014, West Virginia had 24 organic farms, down 31 farms from 55 farms in 2008; this includes both certified organic farms and farms exempt from certification. In 2014, 22 farms had sales of up to \$19,999; 2 farms had sales over \$20,000. Of the organic farms identified in the 2014 Organic Survey, 9 were certified organic farms and 15 were exempt. Certified and exempt farms together accounted for 2,120 acres of organic production in 2014.

In 2014, 16 farms had crop production, including nursery and greenhouse, 8 had livestock and poultry, and 3 had livestock and poultry products. Some of the produce and livestock West Virginia organic farms sold included blueberries, blackberries, garlic, lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, all hay, sorghum, corn for grain, cattle, and chickens.

Some other interesting facts include the following: 15 farms maintained beneficial insect/vertebrate habitats, 17 farms produced or used organic mulch/compost, 21 farms had direct consumer sales, and 23 farms sold locally within 100 miles. 15 farms spent a total of 75,000 dollars on utilities, 22 farms spent a total of 32,000 dollars on fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioners, and 6 farms spent a total of 23,000 dollars on interest paid on all debt related to the farm business.

Detailed national, regional and state data are available on the NASS website and in NASS' online database Quick Stats. For more information go to www.agcensus.usda.gov.

West Virginia Organic Sales by Product Type

		2008	2014
Total organic product sales	farms	46	24
	dollars	409,000	(D)
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse	farms	42	16
	dollars	385,000	160,000
Livestock and poultry	farms	13	8
	dollars	20,000	298,000
Livestock and poultry products	farms	10	3
	dollars	4,000	(D)

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.